

**City of Richmond Heights
City Council Meeting
March 11, 2008**

Council President, Roche called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Keyerleber, Morgan, O'Toole, Roche

Excused: Gambatese, Henry

Motion was made by O'Toole, seconded by Morgan to excuse Gambatese and Henry from tonight's meeting.

Consent AGENDA for tonight's meeting:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from February 26, 2008

Motion was made by O'Toole to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Morgan. Motion passed by Council, 5-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Thanked the Rich Hts Service and Fire Depts for their hard work over the the weekend with all the heavy snow.

Fire Chief Cek: YTD 313 alarms, 245 Emergencies/EMS and 68- fires and misc. We are up 7.7% from 2007.

Police Chief Rowe: The calls and reports so far this year are up 11-12%, and arrests are up 38%.

Roche asked about a disabled car on Richmond Road. He said it was there for over an hour and a half on Saturday. Chief Rowe said the tows were very slow on Saturday because of all the heavy snow.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: The Bldg Dept issued 45 permits including 4 for new homes in February. He discussed the Board of Building Standards Feb meeting. The Ohio Home Builder Assoc is concerned about the impact of the new codes on today's housing market. He briefly discussed the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code, the 2008 National Electrical Code and the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. It appears this will happen in May, to enforce the codes. To avoid any confusion with our building contractors, the Building Dept will continue enforcement of the 2005 National Electric Code and 2003 International Energy Conservation Code for one, two,

three family dwellings until further notice. The 2008 National Electrical Code and 2006 International Energy Code will be in effect for all other structures and occupancies. Also, Dan Spada was accepted into the Electrical Safety Inspector Trainee Program by the Board of Building Standards.

Finance Director, Rossiter: The financial statements for February will be distributed this week. The investment statements and Income Tax are decreasing for now.

Development Director, Gase: He asked Council to review the budget for the Finance meeting, regarding the Greenwood property, and to please read the documents before next week.

Service Director, Lazar: -excused-

City Engineer, Courtney: additional work is to be done on the Woods of Richmond and Highland Ridge, but there is a hold on this because of the weather.

Recreation Director, Drda: On April 2nd we will have a bus trip to Alleghany for \$30. This Saturday, March 15th, will be the Easter Egg Hunt at the Lodge.

AUDIENCE: -none-

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 28 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU & CITY COUNCIL, SECOND READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1325.02 OF THE BUILDING CODE TO ADJUST PERMIT FEES.

- HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN FINANCE COMMITTEE.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.:29 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE APPROVAL A LOT CONSOLIDATION AT OR ABOUT 25900 CHARDON ROAD.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCHE AND SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 29-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 5- 0.

ADDITIONS:

MOTION TO PURCHASE A NEW SECURITY SYSTEM FROM SIEVERS FOR \$3,417, WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$120/MONTH FOR MAINTENANCE FEE, TO COME FROM THE GREENWOOD FARM FUND.

O'Toole motioned, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Temporary Law Director, Aimee Lane, from Walter and Haverfield, reported on the Trebisky property with an update. The ZBA is working with the owner of the Trebisky home, Mr. Noche, that was cited for demolition. Mr. Noche is fighting to keep the home and repair it, although the repair is estimated at over \$100,000, to bring it to code. Then he agreed to tear it down, although now that has fallen through again. The board has denied his appeal. The appeal time will go until next month and then the City can go in and tear it down. Under State law, we certify the costs and put it on his tax duplicate. We are looking into his personal property that is still there, as well as the cats that are in the home, to figure out how to take care of this.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCHE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO ADJOURN THIS MARCH 11, 2008 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:55 PM.

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID H. ROCHE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT